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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (SIDS)**

Dear Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the publications listed on the attached PTO/B08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the publications be made of record therein.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114(c), accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (37 CFR 1.114) submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Those documents which are marked with a double asterisk (\*\*) next to the Cite No. in the attached form PTO/SB08 are not supplied because they were previously cited by or submitted to the

Office in prior co-pending and/or application numbers 09/654,655 filed September 5, 2000, 09/520,273 filed March 7, 2000, and 60/142,492 filed July 6, 1999 and relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

The Applicant also reminds and/or calls the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending U. S. Patent Applications:

<b>Patent Applications</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
10/819,995	April 8, 2004	Methods and Devices for Tissue Reconfiguration
10/992,228	Nov. 19, 2004	Methods and Devices for Tissue Reconfiguration
10/819,957	April 8, 2004	Tissue Reconfiguration
10/677,633	October 2, 2003	Tissue Fixation Devices and Methods of Fixing Tissue
10/828,469	April 21, 2004	Tissue Reconfiguration
10/819,996	April 8, 2004	Tissue Reconfiguration
10/438,346	May 15, 2003	Methods and Devices for Tissue Reconfiguration
12/406,484	March 18, 2009	Methods and Devices for Tissue Reconfiguration

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56 (b).

It is submitted that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed publications.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 100873-266.

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Respectfully submitted,

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